

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1114 - SB 1062

March 7, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires operators of motorboats that carry passengers for hire be licensed, inspected, and approved by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) when operating such motorboats within Sevier County. Requires motorboats carrying passengers for hire within a state park to adhere to operational guidelines, including, but not limited to, a maximum boat speed of 30 miles per hour and boat operation timelines. Creates a Class A misdemeanor for violations resulting in a minimum fine of \$1,500 upon conviction for each offense, but no more than \$4,000.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue - \$200/Wildlife Resources Fund

Assumptions:

- Currently, the U.S. Coast Guard has jurisdiction over commercial vessels and commercial vessel operators on navigable waters.
- It is assumed that all inspections and licensures would be paid by the commercial vessel operators.
- According to TWRA, there are no licenses issued by the Agency currently that meet the license type that would be required to adhere to the provisions proposed by the legislation. The only comparable license type that could be required is a resident guide license at an annual cost of \$244.
- It is assumed that one operator will become licensed as a direct result of this bill and such new licensee will renew each subsequent year.
- The recurring increase in state revenue to the Wildlife Resources Fund is estimated to be \$244.
- TWRA will ensure compliance with the additional licensing requirements using existing resources without an increased appropriation or a reduced reversion.
- It is assumed that all vessel operators will conform to provisions as proposed by this legislation; therefore, any violations concerning operators of commercial vessels is estimated to be not significant.
- There will not be a sufficient increase in prosecutions for state and local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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